Governor Carney Announces Level 1 Driving Warning for Winter Storm in New Castle County

Driving warning begins at midnight, urges extra caution on roadways

WILMINGTON, Del. — With an impending winter storm expected to impact Delaware, Governor John Carney on Monday evening issued a Level 1 Driving Warning for New Castle County effective Tuesday, March 14 at 12:00 a.m., and authorized the Delaware National Guard to assist state and local officials with any necessary response and recovery for this severe winter storm effective Monday, March 13, 2017 at 9:00 p.m.

A Level One Driving Warning means that any person operating a motor vehicle on Delaware roadways must exercise extra caution. Driving is not banned, but nonessential employees (both public and private) are encouraged not to operate a motor vehicle unless there is a significant safety, health or business reason to do so.

Updated information from the National Weather Service indicates the following for Delaware:

New Castle County

- A Winter Storm Warning is in effect from Monday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m..
- Expect heavy snow and sleet, with snow accumulation 6-10 inches.
- Snow is expected to start between 8:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. this evening, heavy at times after midnight. Snow will

mix with sleet between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., then change back to snow in Tuesday morning.

• A Coastal Flood Advisory in effect Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Kent County

- A Winter Storm Advisory is in effect from Monday, March 13, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- Expect snow and sleet, with snow accumulation 2-4 inches.
- Snow is expected to start Monday evening between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., change to or mix with sleet and rain Tuesday morning, then back to snow.
- A Coastal Flood Advisory in effect Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Sussex County

- A Coastal Flood Watch in effect Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 7:00 AM until 3:00 p.m.
- A High Wind Warning will be in effect Tuesday from 2:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The Delaware Division of Public Health <u>reminds residents to</u> protect themselves and animals ahead of the winter storm.

The Governor urges media and residents to check social media for continuous updates:

https://twitter.com/JohnCarneyDE

https://www.facebook.com/JohnCarneyDE

https://twitter.com/DelawareDOT
https://twitter.com/DelawareEMA

Click here for a PDF of the Declaration of a Limited State of

Emergency and Level 1 Driving Warning for New Castle County due to a Severe Winter Storm.